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2009 Plans

Len Ministries has developed a plan to equip and train pastors and leaders in evangelism in more nations. In February there will be two training clinics in Central America: Guatemala and Honduras. In April the ministry is returning to St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands, with several additional days of training in St. Croix.

Plans include a four week stay in Russia mid-June to mid-July. This will enable the ministry to work in the Black Sea area with two training clinics the first two weeks, one in Rostov-na-Donu and Sochi. They will be working with the Exodus branch of the Pentecostal denomination in Russia. Pastor Andre and Sveta Yarygina of Kirov have invited Len Ministries to attend their church's 15 year anniversary on the third week. And the fourth week the ministry plans to return to Nizhny Novgorod for another clinic.

August will contain two clinics - one in Mbale, Uganda, and one in Eldoret, Kenya. While in Eldoret in 2007 a group of pastors from Mbale invited LMI to come to their city to train pastors and leaders as they desired to

have their city impacted and changed for Christ, as was evident in Eldoret.

Macas and Playas, Ecuador, will host training for two weeks in mid-September. LMI will be working with Christian Missionary Alliance pastors and churches as in 2006 in the city of Portaviejo.



Will You Help Us?

We are believing God for these plans and even more as He enables us to work locally and to go abroad. **LMI**

If you are interested in participating in any of these ministry efforts please contact Len Ministries at (904) 992-0545, or email len@lenministries.org.

Suva, Fiji



Nakiti, Randy, Ruth, Marcia, & Len



Central Christian Centre



Marcia Teaches Using Children's EE Cube



Suva Graduating Class

On Wednesday, October 1, Randy Brown, Ruth Harhi, and Len and Marcia Showalter headed for Fiji. After a flight from Jacksonville to Atlanta to Los Angeles they were on the final 10 hour leg to Nadi, Fiji. The team arrived early Friday morning adjusting to the fact that there was no Thursday due to crossing the international date-line.

They rode by taxi to the hotel and rested a few hours, and then were met by Nakiti Vuetaki, director of Evangelism Explosion (EE) Fiji and leader of the Fiji Training Centre. Nadi is one of the larger towns on the main island of Viti Levu which has a diameter of about 80 miles. Suva is the capital of the republic of Fiji. The nation consists of about 1 million people spread over 300+ islands.

On Saturday the team did a little shopping in downtown Nadi. Afterward they taxied to the Training Centre which was located 15 minutes outside of town in a rural farm area. It is beautifully set on rolling hills in the midst of sugar cane fields with mountains in the background. All tired

quickly and were soon back at the hotel for rest.

Nakiti picked up the team on Sunday morning to attend a village church that was located on dirt roads 20 minutes past the training centre. Len preached on the "Conquest of the Land" from Exodus 23 and 24. The service was wonderful with much singing in Fijian and English (the official language). Many came forward for prayer afterwards. One interesting note: the church leadership sat behind the pulpit barefoot and dressed in their Sulu's!

After church the team returned to the centre for dinner with Nakiti and his family and then they headed for Suva. It was a five hour ride on good roads enhanced with large speed bumps. The northwest side of the island was typically dry with the southeast side was very tropical and wet.

Suva is a large, deep port city. Our hotel was in central downtown overlooking a large park. Monday morning came quickly and the team was aboard a van for a 30 minute ride to Central Christian

EE Fiji has been asked to train 50,000 Methodists to reach into the local Hindu and Muslim population.

Centre (CCC). It is a large Assembly of God Church located in a neighboring city, Nausori.

Associate Pastor Rusi Musudroka greeted us and all began to prepare for those who would be attending the training during the week. Len was the lead teacher, but was assisted by the whole team and by Nakiti. Soon there were 33 registered for the clinic. The schedule was set for 9 am to 6:00 pm with three afternoons of street witnessing known as on-the-job training (OJT).

Monday is always a day of adjusting to the class' culture and the class adjusting to a different style of teaching. Len always shares the Gospel with those attending and there were nine that professed Jesus!

Tuesday was a bit easier with all having learned a little more about one another. The OJT was 2 1/2 hours long with 13 teams of three going to the area around the church. The trainers were from CCC and knew the community which was located near a large Methodist school and church.

Approximately half the nation's population is Hindu. Methodist is the largest Christian denomination. One team came back from OJT with a report that had shared the Good News of Jesus Christ with four different people - a Hindu, a Muslim, a 7th Day Adventist, and a Methodist - and they each professed Christ as their Lord and Savior.

On Tuesday there were a total of 35 professions and assurances of Faith. On Wednesday, 13 teams

went out and there were 29 professions in homes and on the street.

Thursday morning Rusi, Marcia, Ruth, and Randy went to a Methodist primary school that was nearby. They were able to tell stories, interact with the children, and share the Gospel with a class of 14 children and teachers. The result was that they all prayed a prayer of salvation.

That afternoon on OJT those being trained shared what they had learned and 31 people trusted in Jesus alone for their salvation.

Friday morning the teaching was completed and 24 graduated. After a Fijian farewell song and gift exchange the team returned to the hotel. Friday was Fiji Independence Day and there was much celebration around the hotel and in the park.

On Saturday the team toured the Fiji Museum and then boarded a van back to Nadi. On the way back they briefly visited with Steve Slater and family at the Assembly of God South Pacific Bible College.

After a small church service on Sunday at the hotel and a little shopping, the team packed and prepared for their return trip home. The 30 hour effort was broken with a 9 hour layover in Los Angeles. But on Tuesday morning all returned home safely, tired, and pleased at what the Lord had done. **LMI**

(Please see the "Just the Facts" article on page 6 for totals.)



Len Preaches in Village Church Barefooted



Children Profess Their New Faith in Christ



Randy Leads Taxi Driver to Christ



Baro, Ema, and Family Believe in Jesus Christ

Kairos



Union Correction Institution (UCI) in Raidford, FL, was the location of the 65th Kairos ministry.

The 42 outside members lead by Gerry James met with the 42 inside prisoners on Friday evening, October 31. They stayed together (except for nights) through Sunday afternoon, November 2.

Normally the schedule permits 3 1/2 days on location with the prisoners, but due to prison

administration changes the team was there only 2 1/2 days. This shortened scheduled necessitated a more hastened program with less free time for fellowship and interaction. Daily lessons were taught from the Word of God by several pastors and lay leaders and then reinforced with "hands-on" activities that all participated in. Wonderful praise and worship was led by Bob Wilmont. By Sunday all felt as one family and at least seven of the prisoners had professed Christ as Savior.

The prison leadership graciously supports the Kairos ministry. There

is ongoing discipleship as the outside team returns the next weekend for "grouping" training and then one weekend monthly for regular support and follow-up. Additionally, there is ministry offered to the family members of each prisoner.

Although this ministry is led by lay persons, many local pastors join the weekend effort. Kairos is involved with many correctional institutions for men and women in Florida, and the United States, as well as other nations. For more information or to support this ministry please contact: Kairos, PO Box 2083, Orange Park, FL 32067. **LMI**

LMI Banquet 2008



Pastor Ken & Charlene Williams Host a Table



Susan Cook Helps With Registration



Appetizers Are Enjoyed



Terry Awards Travel Certificate to Situma

A wonderful celebration was held at the Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk Hotel, downtown Jacksonville, FL on

November 8. Len Ministries held its 12th Annual fund raising banquet with the theme "Come and See, Go and Tell."

With around 150 in attendance, the program opened with "Mr. Voice," Terry Casey, handling the Master of Ceremony position. Terry's wife, Pam Casey, was the event photographer and she had some of her available photographic works on display.

After an opening prayer by Rev. Jerry Scheck a delicious meal was served. During the meal ministry photos were shown of the 2008 short-term ministry trips to: St. Thomas, USVI; Yaroslavl and Nizhny Novgorod, Russia; Eldoret, Kenya; and Suva, Fiji. All enjoyed seeing the faces of those whose lives were

changed and the pictures of the many places where Len Showalter and various teams traveled.

After the meal Terry, with the aid of Ruth Showalter, announced the winner of the \$500.00 travel certificate and suitcase - Elyves Situma! Then Terry introduced the board of LMI which was followed by the LMI Ministry Video. Charles Bäck coordinated the multimedia video and sound needs for the evening.

Pastor Elyves Situma from Eldoret, Kenya, and Pastor Guy Landry from Ivanovo, Russia, were guest speakers. Both talked about the impact of Len Ministries in their nation. Situma focused on the 800+ people that are now being trained in Eldoret. Guy talked about his efforts to expand the ministry into Siberia. Keynote speaker, Len Showalter, addressed the group and he talked about our

nation's need to return to God. He also expressed much gratitude to the LMI board members, those that were table hosts, and those that were sponsors for the banquet.

Jim Lane closed with an opportunity for all to assist with the LMI ministry efforts for the upcoming year. **LMI**

Just the Facts.....

Please find below the results of the Suva, Fiji EE Clinic & Kairos Prison ministry efforts:

	Completed Contacts	Times Gospel Shared	To # of People	Professions & Assurances
Suva Clinic:	137	71	123	95
Fiji additional:	92	41	92	64
Kairos:	7	7	7	7
Totals	236	119	222	166

70.3% of the completed contacts, or 74.8% of those that heard the Gospel professed Jesus Christ as Lord!

24 national pastors and laypersons were trained to equip others to share their faith and win their cities for Christ!

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Church News

The following churches continue their EE semesters. Please contact them for exact dates and times to participate with them and make a difference:

Anastasia Baptist Church (ph# 904-471-2166) 1650 A1A South, St. Augustine, FL 32080. Contact Al Kaidor.

Arlington Assembly of God (ph# 904-724-7466) 88 Arlington Road, Jacksonville, FL 32211. Contact Gil Gibbs.

Christ Cares Alliance Church (ph# 904-641-8233) 1620 St. Johns Bluff Road North, Jacksonville, FL 32225.. Contact Lito Ibarreta.

CrossRoad Church (ph# 904-448-1288) 10005 Gate Parkway North, Jacksonville, FL 32246. Contact Len Showalter.

Second Missionary Baptist Church (ph# 904-354-8268) 954 Kings Road, Jacksonville, FL 32204. Contact Winston Smith.

Sonrise Worship Center (ph# 904-246-1515) 600 Levy Road, Atlantic Beach, FL 32233. Contact Jerry Curtis.



A Note From Us...

Can it be possible that the holidays are here already? As we travel around the world, we find that the world isn't as large as it seems. People are connected through other people, places, interests, and most importantly, through Christ. We have met wonderful people on our travels in 2008 and look forward to what the Lord has in store for us in 2009.

We would like to dedicate this newsletter to Daryl's Grandmother, Geraldina Pouwels (Oma) who went to be with Jesus on November 6, 2008. Diny, as we knew her, was a wonderful woman of God and deeply touched everyone she came in contact with.

The Showalter Family will all be together for the week between Christmas and New Years and that is a wonderful way to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ and bring in 2009 as well!

May you and your loved ones be blessed this holiday season! Let's all try

to remember those that have sacrificed for us and those that are less fortunate than we are.

Merry Christmas from our home to yours,
Your Missionary Family,

The Showalters

(pictured l-r, top - bottom) Len, Marcia, Sara, Ruth, Daryl, & Beth

